

**Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

**Emergency Access Advisory Committee (EAAC)
Minutes
October 12, 2012**

Welcome and introductions were made. Cheryl King called the attendance. A list of the attendees is attached to these minutes as APPENDIX A. The Agenda for this meeting is attached as APPENDIX B. The minutes of the September 14, 2012 meeting were approved.

Patrick Donovan provided an update on the FCC Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau NG911 NPRM proceeding. The FCC continues to analyze comments received in response to the NPRM, and to develop the next action steps in that proceeding.

Karen Strauss gave an update on Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act (CVAA) proceedings and other activities of interest to the EAAC at the FCC.

Laurie Flaherty (DOT/NHTSA) reported on an upcoming event in association with NENA. ICE-5, which is next week in the Chicago area at the Illinois Institute of Technology. That event is focused on accessibility, interfaces with the NENA i3 architectural design for NG911. Roger Hixson provided more detail for the event.

David Turetsky, Chief, FCC Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, visited the EAAC. Chief Turetsky provided an overview of his credentials and experience in Washington, D.C. He assured the EAAC that he agrees wholeheartedly with adding text capabilities to the 9 1 1 system and stated that will vastly enhance accessibility for people with hearing and speech disabilities. He said that is why they have launched the proceeding to tackle the challenge of making text to 9 1 1 capabilities available as soon as possible. He said that taking the next steps in that direction is at this point in time one of his highest priorities. He said he has been pleased to work with Patrick who is here today, and with all parts of the Commission to try and move this forward and we expect that will be happening in the relatively near term future. He asserted that it is generally expected that implementing text to 9 1 1 will pose challenges for carriers and PSAPs alike. He said the goal is to provide both carriers and PSAPs with flexibility on how to handle text messages including options that do not require spending scarce resources on system upgrades.

The EAAC continued deliberations about whether the EAAC should provide a written recommendation to the FCC that the EAAC should be re-chartered.

Cheryl King read the following statement from David Dzumba (TIA/EAAC Co-Chair) who was not in attendance:

“While I believe re-chartering is inevitable, just a few comments and expectations for tomorrow’s related EAAC agenda item:

1. I’d like to encourage open discussion by full EAAC members in attendance: Scope, inventory of created materials, anticipated needs, gaps which may need other expertise, et cetera.

2. I am hopeful there is some consensus on if this is needed. If so, what is the scope along with high level expectations? This is what I would like to see distributed to the full EAAC for review and discussion until the November 9 EAAC meeting.

3. What I do not want to see is this go to a vote at Friday's meeting without opportunity for broader distribution of the information to all members. As one who is unable to attend, I would not only appreciate, but also expect, to be given an opportunity to add my thoughts. After almost two years of EAAC work, all of us have valuable input that needs to be heard. A decision should not be rushed.

I am stepping down as co-chair of the EAAC at the end of the year. It is my wish that this brings opportunity to engage others who may have or want a stake in the future of EAAC work.

Kind regards,
David”

With respect to potential future EAAC committee membership, Cheryl King relayed that it will certainly be her internal recommendation that the committee membership remain, that some members that have had to resign should be replaced, and so we would look to filling those vacancies. She stated it also been suggested that we consider NENA and APCO to be full EAAC members. She said “from the work we have seen with Roger Hixson and Kathy McMahon in the subcommittee on interim solutions, . . . we have found [theirs] to be valuable voices that we just did not have at the full EAAC member level before.”

With respect to a written recommendation to the FCC that the EAAC be re-chartered, a draft proclamation had been prepared and reviewed via teleconference the day before the meeting. Edits were suggested by Matt Gerst (CTIA) and circulated via e-mail the day before the meeting. Further edits were suggested by a group of members with disabilities (the consumer members) and provided at the EAAC meeting.

Sheri Farinha moved that the discussion be closed and the EAAC adopt the draft proclamation, as edited by the consumer members, to be submitted to the FCC. Al Sonnenstrahl seconded the motion. EAAC members raised the following concerns to Ms. Farinha’s motion:

1. A vote was unnecessary because the EAAC Co-Chair had already requested this proceeding be addressed by “consensus;
2. Given that edits to the proclamation were received immediately prior to the EAAC meeting, EAAC members did not have sufficient time to review and properly consider a final version of the written proclamation before a vote was requested;
3. That any written proclamation from the EAAC addressing future activity should include a scope of work to be completed; and
4. Given that the EAAC’s re-chartering is subject to the discretion of the Chairman of the FCC, further discussion about the EAAC’s future activity was detracting for the EAAC’s more substantive efforts.

When presented with these concerns, Cheryl King asked Ms. Farinha and Mr. Sonnenstrahl if they would withdraw their motion if the EAAC were

asked for consensus that the EAAC should be re-chartered by the FCC. Ms. Farinha withdrew her motion.

Cheryl King found consensus among the EAAC members that:

1. The EAAC should be re-chartered; and
2. If the EAAC is re-chartered, the EAAC will address a scope of work prior future activity.

A review of selected EAAC 2012 subcommittees' works-in-progress was undertaken and reported on by each respective subcommittee's co-chairs.

Subcommittee #1 (SC1) Pre-NG911 Mobile Text to 911 Solution(s), Gregg Vanderheiden and Brian Daly co-chairing reported that SC1 has identified four sub-working groups for the following: originating consumer devices, originating devices and networks, transport networks, PSAP end. A PowerPoint presentation was reviewed and is available on the EAAC website at: <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/emergency-access-advisory-committee-eaac>.

Subcommittee #3 (SC3) - PSAP Sign Language and other Communications' Assistance – Donna Platt and Chris Littlewood, co-chairing, reported that the SC3 continues to prepare a draft report.

Public comment was called for but no one rose to speak.

The meeting was adjourned.

Appendix A
EAAC Meeting
Friday, October 12, 2012
Attendance in person and on conference bridge

		Conference Bridge	In Person
Bernard	Aboba	X	
Angel	Arocho	X	
Brian	Daly		X
Patrick	Donovan		X
Mariah	Dodson		X
Toni	Dunne		X
David	Dzumba	No, conflict	
Jean-Paul	Emard		X
Sheri A.	Farinha		X
Laurie	Flaherty		X
Mark	Fletcher		X
Matthew	Gerst		X
Kevin	Green		X
Eric	Hageron		X
Gunnar	Hellstrom	X	
Brendan	Kasper	X	
Marte	Kinder	X	
Cheryl	King		X
Chris	Littlewood		X
Hilary	Martinson		X
Bob	Mather		X
Bruce	McFarlane		X
Paul	Michaelis		X
Christian	Militeau	X	
Don	Mitchell		X
Donna	Platt	X	
Richard	Ray		X
Marcie	Roth	X	
Laura	Ruby	X	
Brian	Scarpelli	X	
Susan	Sherwood	X	
John	Snapp	X	
Alfred	Sonnenstrahl		X
Karen	Strauss		X
Mark	Stern	X	
Gregg	Vanderheiden	X	
Christian	Vogler		X
Norm	Williams		X
Joel	Ziev	X	

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Also attending by conference bridge: Subcommittee #1 external members Roger Hixson (NENA Technical Advisor), and Kathy McMahon (APCOInt’l).

Appendix B

Federal Communications Commission Emergency Access Advisory Committee (EAAC) Working Agenda¹ October 12, 2012

10:30 a.m. ET. Welcome, Introductions and Attendance

Congress Report on CVAA rulemaking proceedings and report to

Report on Text-to-911 rulemaking proceeding and other Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau activities of interest to the EAAC (David Turetsky, Chief of the FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (invited) to meet and greet, or Patrick Donovan)

Morning Break

Discussion of rechartering of the EAAC, consideration of recommendation to FCC to continue EAAC's work through 2014

Discussion of Detailed Use Case and other Sections from 2011

12:00 noon Break for lunch

Subcommittee #3 - PSAP Sign Language and Other Communications' Assistance (Donna Platt and Chris Littlewood)

Subcommittee #1: Pre-NG911 Mobile Text to 911 Solution(s) includes report on ATIS Standards and Assumptions SMS-911

Call for public comment

3:30 p.m. ET Adjourn meeting

¹ There may be changes in the order of agenda items as the meeting progresses.